

## 2015-K1358

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Vestal Parkway on July 2, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor the proud and distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Vestal Parkway to be celebrated on Saturday, July 2, 2016, at Four Corners Memorial Park in Vestal, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, the New York State Department of Transportation began surveying and purchasing land for the construction of a new parkway to be constructed between the Binghamton City Line and Vestal's Four Corners; and

WHEREAS, The first two lanes of Vestal Parkway East were officially opened to traffic on July 1, 1941, and construction began to complete all four lanes of the Vestal Parkway West following World War II; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Vestal Parkway West opened in order to alleviate traffic on Front Street between the Four Corners and the Tioga County line; two years later, the second two lanes of Vestal Parkway East and the Binghamton extension along the river were both completed; and

WHEREAS, Since opening, the Vestal Parkway has become a vital part of the community, with corporate headquarters, light industry, and retail businesses relocating to what has become known as Vestal's Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Today, this important roadway continues to serve the needs of the diverse residents of the Broome County community by providing an essential transportation link and a vital center of economic activity;

and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Vestal Parkway stands as testament to the spirit of development and commerce which is the hallmark of the citizens of the great of State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Vestal Parkway's enduring contributions to the Empire State, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Vestal Parkway on July 2, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Vestal.